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NEWS

AT&T Provides Grant for New Careers Day



Kris Wells of AT&T presents a check to President Carol Lucey.

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from AT&T, Western will be able to provide a new avenue for young women to learn about college and potential careers. "Women in Non-Traditional Career Day, Sponsored by AT&T" will be held this spring to expose 450 ninth grade students and their teachers to higher education through a day on the Carson City campus. Thirty high school freshmen from each of the 15 service area high schools will hear presentations from successful local women in the non-traditional careers of welding, construction technology, automotive repair, machine tool technology, science, engineering, drafting, electronics and criminal justice.

http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-11-24b.php

Spring Registration is Now Open

Registration is now open for the spring 2009 semester, which begins Tuesday, Jan. 20. More than 700 students have already registered, and the complete schedule of credit and non-credit classes are listed on web site. Faculty members are encouraged to provide their students with information about next spring's classes, to help get the word out about the many opportunities available. The fall semester ends Saturday, Dec. 13. http://www.wnc.edu/academics/schedule/

Technology Instructor Gets Ink in National Publication

WNC Networking Technologies Instructor Dave Riske is using innovative techniques to help students learn better, and his methods merited mention in the "Community College Times" national newspaper. Riske met with colleagues and discussed how they are using scenario-based learning techniques in their classes, at the Advanced Technological Education Principal Investigators Conference in October. Dave uses the techniques to identify student performance goals that meet industry needs. http://www.communitycollegetimes.com/article.cfm?ArticleId=1321

ATHLETICS

Support Wildcats Athletics Fund-raiser



Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 Cost: \$100 per ticket, or \$700 per table of eight Information: WNC Foundation: 445-3240

Guest speaker will be Adam Silver, deputy commissioner and chief operating officer for the National Basketball Association. Silver, who has been with the NBA for more than 14 years, oversees NBA Entertainment which comprises all of the NBA and WNBA's television, merchandising, Internet, marketing and communications, publishing, marketing partnerships, media sales, and event management. Evening includes dinner and silent auction. Plan now to help raise funds for our baseball and softball teams!

Wildcat Baseball Players Take it to the Next Level



Six Western baseball players have accepted scholarships offered by several of the country's top Division 1 baseball teams and one NAIA university. They are shown signing their national letters of intent and being introduced by Coach DJ Whittemore:

Marshall Kennebrew, Jerome Pena, Kyle Starratt, Logan Odom, Josh Moody and Brian Barnett.

Whittemore said that with this year's six players, a total of 34 former Wildcats have signed with four-year programs since May of 2006.

http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/

EVENTS

Free Holiday Concert

Presented by Western Nevada College Choir When: Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Where: Sarah Winnemucca Hall, Aspen Building, Carson Campus

Information: Chelsie Hamtak, 445-3290

Year after year, one of the most appreciated events on campus is the Holiday Concert directed by Bill Zabelsky and performed by the college choir. As always, the director mixes in traditional favorites and holiday music that has endured through the years. Seasonal songs to be performed include: "The Hands of Winter," "Midwinter's Chill," "Deck the Halls," and many more. Also performing will be a barbershop quartet, "Free to a Good Home," and the Douglas High School Madrigal Singers.

ARTS

"Postures and Parts: The Male Nude"
College Gallery Exhibit: Works by Candace Nicol
Through January 9, Carson City
Free Admission

Artist Candace Nicol's exhibit features large-scale digital prints of the male nude. Said the author: "I chose the male nude as my subject matter in order to break apart my own preconceptions and misgivings about the body. Women have been taught to see themselves as something to be viewed. As a result, they have neglected their own claim to gazing the male body." http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-11-19a.php



COLLEGE CORNER



L-R: Ken and Teri Zutter, who fund the Hope Scholarship, with recipient & family member.

"Where the Money Goes" – WNC Foundation Update

During each month of the academic year, the WNC Foundation office highlights a project or department that benefits from employee donations. This month features the ninth annual WNC Foundation Scholarship Appreciation & Recognition Reception that took place this fall. The event celebrated the success of 131 students who received a total of \$137,500 in scholarship awards. Not only have college employees created scholarships in memory or honor of loved ones, many employees also donate to the general scholarship fund and to help cover costs of the reception. Every donation makes a difference!

Nursing Students Plan Gift Wrapping Fund-raiser

Sunday, Dec. 14, Noon to 4 p.m.

Silver Oak Golf Course Clubhouse, Carson City

WNC student nurses are making it almost too easy this holiday season. For a mere \$2 per gift (less with a multiple present discount), the nursing students will wrap your gifts and even provide coffee, hot chocolate and snacks while they do the work. They are also asking that you bring a coat to donate to the Salvation Army.

Public Service Announcement Features WNC Grad

Former WNC student Duncan Deacey is featured in one of several public service announcements championing higher education that have hit the television airwaves in the past month. NSHE Chancellor Jim Rogers is raising awareness of the importance of preserving Nevada's higher education in these difficult economic times by donating \$1 million worth of air time on his stations in Las Vegas and Reno (KRNV – Channel 4) for a public service series titled "Educate Nevada." The announcements will be shown for the next eight months. They focus on the real-life stories from teachers, doctors, students and various business leaders about the importance of education and its far-reaching impact on the economic, cultural and social health of the state. The teacher spot features Deacey, who teaches first grade in Carson City. In addition to the ads, a companion web site was also launched to provide more detailed information about the benefits of education. http://www.educatenevada.org/

Student Wins iTunes Gift Card

Thanks to all the Western students who filled out the 2008 Media Preferences Survey. Your time and effort helped chart the course for our Information and Marketing department. As promised, one lucky Western student, Paul Partida, will receive a \$150 iTunes gift card after winning the survey drawing.

Energetic Recycling Committee Hitting its Stride

Our hard-charging recycling committee, under the leadership of Valerie Andersen, is gearing up to do even more. With the recent delivery of new phone books, bins have been placed around campus for the old books. Fallon, Carson City and Douglas are now recycling plastic bottles and cans, and a recycling account has been established that has purchased 100 paper recycling bins with the funds. Please note that newspapers, magazines and catalogs have been added to our office paper recycling program on the Carson City Campus. Many thanks to the committee volunteers in Fallon and Douglas who transport bottles and cans to recycling centers. Remember, recycling saves energy and waste and cuts down on the amount of money spent to put trash in a landfill.

Textbook Scholarships to Increase

Western's joint bookstore agreement with Truckee Meadows Community College and Great Basin College through the Follett Corporation is paying dividends. Follett is increasing its textbook scholarship funding from \$2,000 per year to \$5,400 at Western. This will help the Financial Assistance Office meet the needs of more students who demonstrate need.